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SUBJECT: FRANCE WILL REVIEW THEIR POSITION ON LANGUAGE IN
THE UNSCR 1267 SUCCESSOR RESOLUTION

REF: STATE 136529

Classified By: DCM ALEX WOLFF, FOR REASONS 1.4 B/D

[1](#)1. (C) On July 25, the DCM delivered reftel demarche on problematic language in the UNSCR 1267 successor resolution to MFA Political Director Stanislas de Laboulaye. Laboulaye made three points: 1) the U.S. and France have been working well in this area and need to continue doing so; 2) particularly given current events, we should avoid any measures that would make it any harder to designate supporters of terrorism; and 3) we needed to be careful about allowing governments to misuse the 1267 listing process for other internal purposes.

[1](#)2. (C) The DCM replied by saying that the 1267 system works well and allows for review of all listings before they are added to the list. In addition, individuals listed can petition to be removed from the list. He added that if there were any other concerns, interested parties should be able to discuss them without holding up passage of the UNSCR 1267 successor resolution, given its importance in fighting terrorism. The DCM also said that the FATF had already rejected a similar proposal as an unworkable concept. Laboulaye took on board these comments and said he would take another look at our demarche. He promised to get back to us after reviewing the matter.
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